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INSURANCE.

THE PANEL CONFERENCE.

SIR,—Dr. Cox's reply to the letter from my committee of September 1st, published in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL of September 13th, calls for remark.

In regard to the first portion dealing with the withdrawal of my committee's motion at the Conference, my committee only desired to make it plain that this did not indicate any change of attitude in this respect, and indeed, in considering the capitation fee for 1920 at a general meeting here it was found impracticable to determine upon a fee for future services until an adequate remuneration for present services had been settled.

In regard to the matter of disabled service men, this is by no means so simple as Dr. Cox's explanation would imply. When my committee expressed regret at the apparent acceptance by the Insurance Acts Committee of the argument that the low figure of recorded attendances on these men indicated a need for moderation in the demands for an increased capitation fee, there was no question as to the acceptance or non-acceptance by the Insurance Acts Committee of the accuracy of the figures supplied by the Government. Whether these figures of recorded attendances are accurate or the reverse, and whether their accuracy is accepted or not considered by the Insurance Acts Committee, my committee expressed regret that the Insurance Acts Committee, purporting to represent the interests of the medical profession in negotiation with the Government department, should have used these figures as an argument for moderation (which is clearly the case in M. 1, 1919–1920).

The majority of Dr. Cox's readers will know perfectly well that although the figures may be accurate enough as a calculation of recorded attendances, they do not in fact represent the actual attendances made. In my own area, and to my knowledge in other areas, many practitioners have sent in no claim for these attendances. Whether this be, as Dr. Cox states, a reflection on the good sense and business capacity of the profession; or whether it be rather, as these practitioners do not hesitate to affirm, a reflection on the business capacity of the representatives of the profession who agreed to the low remuneration and extra clerical work involved in such a scheme of attendances, there is none the less no excuse for the further penalizing of the profession by those who should protect it even from the results of its own (or their own) negligence.—I am, etc.,

J. C. LYTH, M.B.,
Honorary Secretary, York Local Medical and Panel Committee.

September 15th.

ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW MILEAGE FUND.

IN view of the appointment of the Committee to advise the Minister of Health as to distribution of the Central Insurance Pool (the reference to which with its personnel was given on page 69 of the SUPPLEMENT of last week) the Insurance Acts Committee asked that the same Committee might be allowed to investigate the data for the assessment of the mileage fund. To this request the following reply has been received:

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.
6th September, 1919.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st August I am directed by the Minister of Health to state that, although the investigation of data for the assessment of any Mileage Fund which may be made available under the new conditions of service will not fall within the formal terms of reference to the Distribution of Funds Committee, the Department will be glad to accept the suggestion made in your letter.

The Minister therefore proposes to invite the Committee to examine all relevant data and memoranda bearing on the subject and to give him the benefit of their advice and assistance in the matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) R. W. HARRIS.

The Secretary,
Insurance Acts Committee,
429, Strand, W.C.

Association Notices.

FORMATION OF ESSEX, NORFOLK, AND SUFFOLK BRANCHES.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council to all concerned that as a result of a proposal made by the East Anglian Branch to that effect, the Council has decided that, as from September 30th, 1919, that Branch be discontinued, and that new Branches as follows be substituted therefor:

1. ESSEX BRANCH.—*Area:* The county of Essex, except the south-western portion thereof, now forming the South-West Essex and Stratford Divisions of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and bounded, on the east, by the eastern boundaries of Romford and Epping Rural Districts as far north as the northern boundary of North Weald Bassett Civil Parish; and, on the north, by the northern boundaries of that Civil Parish, of Epping Upland Civil Parish, and of Waltham Holy Cross Urban District;
2. NORFOLK BRANCH.—*Area:* Norfolk;
3. SUFFOLK BRANCH.—*Area:* Suffolk;

the Divisions of the new Branches to be those of the present East Anglian Branch in the respective counties.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—Dr. E. Lewys-Lloyd (acting Branch Secretary) gives notice of a meeting to be held at Rhyl on Friday, September 26th. Dr. Cox, Medical Secretary, will address the meeting.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

PERTH BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Perth Branch was held on September 5th in the Station Hotel. Dr. EDWARDS, the president, took the chair and gave a lucid account of the Conference in London; a vote of thanks was passed to him for his report. Dr. J. HUME gave an account of the proceedings at the Conference of Secretaries in London, and stated that Branches were strongly recommended to form a clinical section and a social section, also that it was desirable to meet at a definite hour and day. Dr. Hume was thanked for his report. The Branch approved of a social section and appointed a subcommittee to arrange social business and a clinical subcommittee. After discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting on the first Friday of each second month at 3.30 p.m.

Immediately after the Branch meeting a meeting of the Perth and Perthshire Local Medical and Panel Committees was held.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are made by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Lieutenants: W. H. Murray to the *Agadir*, A. J. Patterson to R.M. Division, Forton, H. C. C. Veitch to the *Eaglet*, additional. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary): D. J. Miach to the *Fearless*, R. M. B. McCord to the *Indus*, W. D. Nicol to 3rd R.M. Battalion.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Major-General Sir M. T. Yarr, C.B., K.C.M.G., to be Inspector of Medical Services (temporary), vice Major-General Sir W. Babtie, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., K.H.S.

Colonel A. W. Bewley, C.M.G., retires on retired pay.

Temporary Colonel Sir Thomas C. English, K.C.M.G. (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting (June 17th, 1918, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of July 27th, 1918).

Temporary Colonel Sir Charles A. Ballance, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting (July 19th, 1918, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of August 20th, 1918).

Temporary Colonel W. A. Turner, C.B. (Major R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel L. A. Mitchell is placed temporarily on the half-pay list on account of ill health (December 31st, 1918, substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of December 30th, 1918).

Lieut.-Colonel K. B. Barnett retires on retired pay.

Lieut.-Colonel G. A. T. Bray, D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Colonel on ceasing to be specially employed.

Lieut.-Colonel O. W. A. Elsner, C.B.E., D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Colonel on reposting.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. McMunn, O.B.E., relinquishes the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting (May 23rd, 1919, substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of August 18th, 1919).

Temporary honorary Lieut.-Colonel Sir John Bland-Sutton, Kt. (Major R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquishes his temporary honorary commission on reposting.

The notifications regarding the undermentioned which appeared in the *London Gazette* of dates specified are cancelled: Captain H. F. Joynt, May 20th, 1919. Temporary Captain L. Wilson Evans, May 9th, 1919.

The following officers relinquish their commissions: Temporary Lieut.-Colonels: E. J. Moore, C.B. And retain the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; H. J. Shirley, G. E. Miles, C.B.E., C. T. Parsons (on ceasing to be employed at the Fulham War Hospital), (honorary Lieut.-Colonel) W. I. de C. Wheeler. Temporary honorary Lieutenant-Colonels and retains the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel: J. Robertson, C.M.G., G. S. Buchanan, C.B. Temporary Majors, and retain the rank of Major: D. B. King (on ceasing to serve with the Horton (County of London) War Hospital), W. E. N. Dunn, T. M. Kendall, P. J. A. Seccombe. Temporary honorary Majors and retain the honorary rank of Major: A. G. Paterson and T. G. M. Hine. Temporary Captains: J. Q. Egan, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. And are granted the rank of Major: D. K. Henderson, R. M. Fenn, R. V. Dolbey, H. L. Neil, B. W. Armstrong, C. A. Weller, J. A. W. Watts, C. G. McAdam, W. A. Wheeldon (June 14th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of July 28th, 1919), L. G. McCune, J. Crawford, M.C., R. E. Cree, M.C. And retain the rank of Captain: A. B. S. Todd, F. R. Wilson, C. M. Stubbs, E. G. von B. Bergh, J. P. Jones, M.C., L. R. H. P. Marshall, O.B.E., A. F. Potter, A. H. Davidson, H. North, D. Clark, G. C. Gaynor, M.C., H. F. Bodvel-Roberts, H. M. Gray, J. B. Wilkie, R. J. Ledlie, L. J. Lock, J. A. Glover, M. R. Mackey, M.C., J. R. Burnett, J. Glaister, D. Y. Buchanan, W. H. Hart (on account of ill health caused by wounds), M. L. Loveless, C. P. Charles, H. E. H. Tracey, J. E. T. Jones, G. W. Anderson, A. J. Partridge, H. B. Wilkinson, H. L. Shelton, C. M. Smith, L. M. Smith, J. S. Buchanan, D. S. Jones, J. E. P. Shera, J. J. Hughes, J. C. Jones, W. D. A. King, F. H. Nixey, W. Tudhope (on account of ill health contracted on active service), A. G. Ritchie, W. W. Allison, J. G. Slade (on account of ill health), T. M. Johnstone (on ceasing to serve with the South African Native Labour Corps), W. Parsons, H. Goodale, W. G. Ridgway, R. C. Phelps, T. S. Smith, D. Renton, G. L. Thornton, M.C., A. Verling, H. Kirkland-Whittaker, R. Stipe (July 7th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of July 21st, 1919), W. M. McDonald, W. B. Knobel, W. Thomas, H. O. H. May, S. E. Denyer, C.M.G., C. W. Cunnington, D. H. Derry, J. E. S. Sheppard-Jones, J. Gilchrist, A. Buchanan, M.C., J. A. M. Bligh, H. M. Jackson, J. A. Clarke, Norman V. Mitton, J. W. McDonald (on account of ill health contracted on active service), B. J. Mullins, M.C. (on account of ill health caused by wounds), W. E. M. Armstrong, H. P. Gibb, W. H. A. Elliott, F. P. Montgomery, M.C., H. D. Wyatt, J. Young, E. O. Hughes, A. M. Bell, P. Savill, J. Leach, D. L. Hutton, M.C., M. J. T. Wallis, A. R. M. Brenan, J. G. S. Mennie, G. H. Dart, J. P. Lowson, F. Heatherley, A. McEwan, L. F. West, J. Hepburn, R. A. H. Fulton, G. L. Keynes (April 13th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of May 29th, 1919), R. M. Gordon, F. F. C. Willington, W. G. Shaw, J. G. Shanklin (on account of ill health contracted on active service), (acting Major) W. F. Thompson, J. E. L. A. Turnley (on account of ill health contracted on active service), C J. Glasson, J. M. Christie (on account of ill health contracted on active service), S. C. H. Moberly (on account of ill health), E. R. Wheeler, E. M. Brown, J. A. Wilson, F. W. Jones, C. J. Heaton, J. D. Carroll, M.C., R. A. Banbury, A. Poole, P. B. Whitington, J. C. Fergusson, M.C., J. Prichard, W. D. Lawrie, W. McFarlane, M.C., G. Hoffmann, C. Gray, H. C. Hinwood, W. C. P. Barrett, A. W. George, D. Corry, W. E. Morgan. Temporary honorary Captain and retains the honorary rank of Captain: W. A. Pride (on ceasing to serve with the Cookston War Hospital). Temporary Lieutenants: And is granted the rank of Major: G. E. Froggatt. And retains the rank of Lieutenant: R. M. D. Devereux, W. H. Newton (on account of ill health caused by wounds).

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Major G. D. Bateman, O.B.E., to be Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain (acting Major) A. P. Bowdler to be acting Lieut.-Colonel while so employed.

Captain (acting Major) C. J. G. Taylor (Surgeon Lieutenant R.N.V.R.) relinquishes his commission on ceasing to be employed.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of August 8th concerning Captain (acting Major) C. J. G. Taylor is cancelled.

R. W. Ryan is granted a temporary commission as Captain.

Captain O. Gleeson (Captain R.A.M.C.) relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service.

Temporary Captain A. E. Panter is granted the acting rank of Major whilst specially employed.

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

T. D. Inch, O.B.E., M.C., late Captain R.A.M.C., to be Captain (July 28th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of June 11th, 1919).

APPOINTMENTS.

COX, William J., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer, Borough of Chelmsford.

DAVIDSON, James, M.D.Edin., Physician to the London Missionary Society.

SUSSEX THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL.—A. J. Hutchison, M.A., M.B., C.M., appointed Honorary Consulting Surgeon. Morris Rigby, M.R.C.S., and Douglas A. Crow, M.B., Ch.B., appointed Assistant Honorary Surgeons.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

BRIMBLECOMBE.—On the 10th September, at Willow Bank, Martock Somerset, the wife of S. L. Brimblecombe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

DENT.—On September 9th, at 21, Endsleigh Street, to Lieutenant R. W. Dent, H.M.T.S. *Monarch*, and Dr. Patricia Dent (*née* Barnes) of "Okeburn," Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARNES—SPRAGGON.—On September 10th, 1919, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, Bournemouth West, by Rev. Stuart Millar, George Barnes, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 194, Hammersmith Road, W., son of the late E. C. Barnes, Esq., to Ethel Mary Spraggon, daughter of T. H. Spraggon, Esq., of Jesmond, Surrey Road, Bournemouth.

STIELL—HOLLAND.—On September 15th, at Nettleham Parish Church, Lincoln, by the Rev. C. K. Watkins, William Fletcher Stiell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Stiell of Clapham, London, S.W., to Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. George Holland and the late Mrs. Holland of "Kelvin," Lime Tree Avenue, Retford.

DEATHS.

BEVEN.—At the Anglo-American Hospital, Cairo, Iris Marie Carew, *née* Breakey, wife of J. O. Beven, M.R.C.S., etc.; also Wilfrid Jasper, their infant son.

BROOMHEAD.—On the 9th inst., at Ivy House, Rectory Road, Crumpsall, James Broomhead, M.B., C.M., Medical Officer of Health for Haslingden, Corps Superintendent and Surgeon St. John Ambulance Brigade.

RANKIN.—On September the 14th inst., at the Orchard, Helford, Cornwall, Guthrie Rankin, M.D., F.R.C.P., and of 9, Harley Street.

WILLIAMS.—At the Cottage, Llanfabon, on August 31st, Mary Agnes Williams, aged 73 years, widow of the late Thomas Williams (coroner for North Glamorgan), of Troedyrhiw House, Merthyr Tydfil, and eldest daughter of the late John Leigh, J.P., F.R.C.S., of Llanfabon, Glam.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
	SEPTEMBER.
23 Tues.	Organization Committee: Propaganda Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
26 Fri.	North Wales Branch. Meeting at Rhyl.
	OCTOBER.
2 Thurs.	Organization Committee, 2 p.m.
3 Fri.	Central Ethical Committee, 2.30 p.m.

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